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A Message from the Dean

President Bowles Challenges Schools and Colleges of Education: ECU's College of Education Responds

Things are hopping at University of North Carolina General Administration. The new president, Erskine Bowles, has entered the scene and has made teacher education issues his number one priority! And he means it!

Recently, President Bowles came to the ECU campus to look closely at our distance education programs, particularly with respect to our programs in professional education. He also met with the deans of education in the State to look at such issues as teacher recruitment and retention, the math and science shortages, and partnership efforts. So, what is our President challenging us to do? And what is ECU's response?

Basically, the President wants to know how we can entice more qualified people into teaching and school administration and then keep them there. He also wants to know how to improve the quality of this workforce through professional development and improved working conditions. And, of course, the bottom line question is, "How are we going to improve student learning, graduation rates, and decrease the dropout rates?"

ECU's response to these challenges is multifaceted. First, we have proposed an induction model to be piloted in two

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Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Dean of the College of Education at East Carolina University, addresses the clinical teachers gathered at the Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference. (Photo by Sam Sun)

From the Director's Desk

Here We Grow Again!

It is hard to believe that the Latham Clinical Schools Network, which began in the 1996-1997 school year with just nine counties, now has 23 counties participating with signed agreements between each superintendent and the Dean of the College of Education. But don't get too used to that number because here we grow again! As Wachovia Partnership East expands, and reaches more counties in the east, we plan to add those counties to accommodate practica and internships for the participating candidates. Our growth is based on school systems who solicit us to be their partners.

Our major goal is to assist all of our partners with a "grow your own teachers" philosophy. If you have students, from your school system, currently enrolled in teacher education programs with us, who wish to return to you and teach, we want to facilitate that process. Our community college partners are with us on this venture and are providing excellent instruction in the first two years of the students' programs. The "team" concept is truly at work in the east – Together Everyone Achieves More!

Thank you to all of our partners, from the original nine to the current 23 counties. You provide excellent practica and internship placement sites in diverse settings with real world application that ensures we graduate students who are ready to be productive teachers. Working with each of you is our privilege and our pleasure.



Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference

The Latham Clinical Schools Network presented its Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference on March 9, 2006 at the Greenville Hilton. The conference was a great success, attracting nearly 240 clinical teachers from 17 counties across the Latham Clinical Schools Network. Coleman Bailey, clinical teacher at D. H. Conley High School and the current North Carolina Northeast Region Teacher of the Year, opened the conference by sharing the sharp wit that makes him a valued clinical teacher. He spoke of his experiences with interns and the relationship between clinical teachers and the university. During the luncheon, Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Dean of the College of Education, spoke to the participants about the challenges faced by today's schools and the partnership required to prepare and mentor new teachers.

The Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference was organized around the theme "Clinical Teacher to Clinical Teacher." Session presenters included Ms. Catrina Davis of the ECU Career Center with "Showing Your True Colors;" Ms. Debbie O'Neal of ECU with "ECU Teacher Preparation and the English Language Learner;" Dr. Marjorie Ringler of ECU with "Effective ELL Strategies for Learning Concepts at the Secondary Level;" Dr. Jane Manner of ECU, Ms. April Lilley, principal of Harkers Island Elementary, and Ms. Paige Willis, Ms. Laranda Taylor, and Ms. Laura Stryon, teachers at Harkers Island Elementary with "Charting Our

Course: The Process of Curriculum Mapping at Harkers Island Elementary;" Ms. Ellen Dobson of ECU with "Power Tools for Teachers;" Mr. Chris Locklear and Ms. Paige Everett of ECU with "Coaching Marginal Interns."

The Office of Clinical Experiences would like to thank all the clinical teachers, Senior II interns, and session presenters who made the Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference a success.



Clinical teachers Bernetta Moore and Cher Davison from Belvoir Elementary in Pitt County review the agenda at the Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference. (Photo by Sam Sun)

Bowles Challenge, *continued from front cover*

counties in the East. This mentoring and support program would be designed to follow teachers and principals for the first two years of employment and provide on-site coaching through the use of retired teachers and administrators and/or National Board Certified teachers. Secondly, we have proposed an expansion of our Wachovia Partnership East program in which we plan to set up a virtual hub site. This expansion would allow us to prepare more teachers through our 2+2 model.

Third, we have proposed an expansion of our preparation programs for lateral entry teachers. And, finally, we have put forth a professional development program for our clinical teachers who supervise our interns. This program would provide the clinical teachers with more supervisory experience and would allow them to earn credit toward a license in supervision.

The bottom line in all of the above is that President Bowles is asking higher education to step up to the challenge of improving public education – particularly, over here in the East. And we believe our proposals will do just that – continue to increase the number of teachers; improve the quality of our graduates; and enhance inservice school personnel. At the end of the day, our goal is to increase student achievement and the educational capacity of our schools in the eastern part of our State.

We will continue to do all such initiatives through our partnership model with the school districts in our Latham Clinical Schools Network. It is only through collaboration with all parties that they will work!

News from the Network



Principal April Lilley of Harkers Island Elementary in Carteret County presented a session, "Charting Our Course," with Dr. Jane Manner and three teachers from her school at the Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference.

Carteret County

Clinical Teacher Gina Troball and ECU intern, Lauren Mann, at Bogue Sound Elementary School have been working on piloting teleconferencing equipment through the Birth through Kindergarten Education program housed in the College of Human Ecology at East Carolina University. Student intern, Lauren Mann, has worked with her University Supervisor, Ms. Barbara Brehm on this project. Ms. Brehm refers to the project as "tele-supervision." She can see Lauren's classroom, and controls the camera with a remote. The B-K program has used this pilot program as part of Lauren's observations. Two observations have been over teleconference while one has been a "face to face." Recently interviewed in Carteret County's local paper, Lauren Mann said this about the new project, "We have opened the door for more interns in this county and better opportunities for college students to get degrees in this area."

While there are still technical issues to be "ironed out," this pilot project has worked very well this semester. Because of this project, more interns in the B-K program will have the chance to participate in the coming semesters.

Craven County

The Craven Early College was created out of a strong partnership between Craven County Schools and Craven Community College. This school will open on the campus of Craven Community College in August 2006. Students who attend will graduate with a high school diploma and two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree. This is at no cost to the student.

The first year will consist of approximately fifty students (freshmen) and seven faculty and staff members.

Craven Early College students can choose between five pathways to degree completion: Manufacturing, Engineering, Health Science, Information Technology, or Associate of Science. These pathways can transfer to a four-year university. The classes will be small with only 10-15 students per class. Students will take college courses as early as the first semester of year one.

Students will have access to the same resources available to Craven Community College students and will follow the Craven Community College academic calendar. There will be extensive student support for tutoring and homework assistance. Bus transportation will be

provided. The school day will begin later and end later than the traditional high school.

Job shadowing and internships will be a part of the Craven Early College experiences and will be directly related to the student's chosen career path. Learning activities will be designed for individual student learning styles, interest, and life goals.

Both Craven County Schools and Craven Community College are excited about this new adventure. The future looks very bright for our students!

For further information, go to www.craven.k12.nc.us. Select schools, and then select Craven Early College.

Halifax County

Amanda Storey has made a great impression on the students and teachers at Scotland Neck Primary School in Halifax County. So much so that the district is actively recruiting her to return next fall after she graduates from East Carolina University's Education Department.

As a student intern in Patricia Edmondson's kindergarten class, Storey has become a vital part of school setting – not only teaching children during class time, but actively participating in PTA functions, teacher groups and many other activities that happen after school hours.

"Ms. Storey is doing an outstanding job," said Edmondson. "She is excited about teaching, energetic and creative. She has full control of the classroom, with my guidance, and does an excellent job in all eight subject areas."

Edmondson said Storey has already passed PRAXIS II and wants to remain in vicinity of her hometown, Conway, so Edmondson hopes she will come back to either Scotland Neck Primary or one of Halifax County's other eight elementary schools.

"She is a warm and caring person," said Edmondson. "She works very well with the kindergarten age group and all the children love her. She also gets along well with the rest of the staff."

"Amanda goes above and beyond the call of duty and doesn't limit herself to the classroom. She has become a great asset to Scotland Neck Primary," Edmondson continued, "because while she is very caring and concerned, she is also very strong. She is ready to take charge of her own classroom."

Edmondson has high praise for ECU's teacher education program, saying that Storey was well prepared for both semesters of student teaching.

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"I appreciate ECU for allowing her to come to Halifax County," said Edmondson. "My children have really benefited from her being here. Our test scores are up and our students have really benefited."

Johnston County

Johnston County Schools continues to grow in student population. Plans are being made to open two new elementary schools in August of 2006. Candy Williams has been named principal of one of these new schools. She stated that she is excited about the challenge of opening a new school and creating a family atmosphere. She wants students, parents, and staff to feel that they are cared about and can experience success in this new environment.

In preparation for the expected 1400 additional students for the 2006-2007 school year, recruiters from Johnston County Schools are attending many Education Job Fairs, including the one at East Carolina University. Mary Nell Ferguson, who attended the fair, was very impressed with the caliber of the candidates at ECU. She stated that all the students were well-prepared and she looks forward to bringing them to Johnston County Schools.

Administrators from Johnston County Schools have been taking part in book study seminars devoted to understanding, implementing, and enhancing leadership. The latest book to be studied was **Leading with the Heart** by Mike Krzyzewski. An outcome of this seminar was that every school and school system division selected someone from their staff who has the heart on their team and who brings out the best in everyone else. These special individuals were recognized at a reception on February 13 and were honored at the Johnston County Board of Education meeting on February 14.

Johnston County Schools has received two grants totaling over \$300,000.00 to implement GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), which is designed to encourage middle and high school students to go to college. By providing college-bound incentive opportunities for students, the goal is to decrease the drop-out rate. The six year grant has identified six schools for assistance – Benson Middle, South Johnston High, North Johnston Middle, North Johnston High, Selma Middle, and

Smithfield-Selma High. Funds will be used to provide staff development for the teachers at these schools, mini-grants for individual teachers, and support instructional activities.

Nash-Rocky Mount

Twenty-eight Nash-Rocky Mount teachers recently participated in a Cohort with East Carolina University to receive their Masters Degree in Reading. Receiving the degrees were: Kimberly Bailey, Kristen Bell, Carolyn Carlyle, Latreese Barnes, Shawnita Harper, Katrina Joyner, Michelle Jackson, Elaine Martinelli, Irma Purvis, Diane Collick, Lynn Gattis, Pamela Bodiford, Daine Day, Pamela Harris, Margie McCrimmon, Patty Summerlin, Nina Wiggs, Robin Langston, Suzanne Lindsey, Cheri Goosby, Pamela Marks, Jamie Lease, Malissa Lyons, Cynthia Gorham, Angela Powell, Amy Keith, Carl Dietrich, and Kathy Stallings.

Nash-Rocky Mount Schools proudly announces fourteen teachers who achieved National Board Certification this year. The class of 2005 brings the total N-RMS teachers certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards to ninety-one.

Principal Sandra Farmer and Williford Elementary School will receive the 2nd Annual Promethian Award for outstanding contribution to education to honor Williford's dramatic improvement in raising achievement and inspiring higher standards for students. The national award will be presented at an Awards Ceremony and Dinner on April 4, 2006.

Brooke Caster, 4th grade teacher at Swift Creek Elementary School, was selected as the Nash-Rocky Mount Math Teacher of the Year, representing the best in mathematics teaching in the entire school system.

Our system is proud to announce Erik Harris, band teacher at Northern Nash High School, as our 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year. Erik went on to compete against other outstanding teachers in the North Central Region. He came in 2nd place in the North Central Region.

Mary Nyman, Red Oak Middle School, was awarded the prestigious NASA Discovery Ship Educator Scholarship and attended Space Academy for Educators at the U. S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Space Academy provides 40 hours of intensive classroom, laboratory and training time, focusing on space and science exploration. During the program, teachers participate in astronaut-



Johnston County recruiters Dr. Phyllis Ethridge, right, and Ms. Mary Nell Ferguson, far left, meet with ECU interns at the Educational Career Fair at Minges Coliseum on February 24, 2006.

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style training and simulations, along with activities designed to promote life-long learning in a classroom setting.

Susan Pridgen, Edwards Middle School, attended the Space Camp last summer and this year was selected from an outstanding group of educators to attend the NASA Advanced Space Camp. Her experiences spanned both the Huntsville, Alabama location as well as the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Susan and Mary's participation in these learning experiences were made possible by scholarships provided by Honeywell International.

Onslow County

The Onslow County School System takes great pride in having among its employees both the 2005 Southeast Region Teacher of the Year and the 2005 Southeast Region Principal of the Year. Mr. Jay Stope, a social studies teacher at Southwest High School, was selected by her his peers as the school Teacher of the Year, was then selected as the school system's 2005 Teacher of the Year, and finally was chosen as the top teacher in the region. Stope, a native of West Virginia, has taught world history, AVID, and civics for the past five years. He described a good teacher as someone who can motivate students and facilitate learning, something he clearly has accomplished. Mr. Stope is currently a student in the East Carolina University Master's in School Administration program.

Dr. Meghan Doyle, a student of the Onslow County School System, began her career as a lateral entry science teacher at White Oak High School. After completing licensure requirements, Doyle completed a MSA degree through ECU and became the assistant principal at White Oak.

"I thought I could improve teaching and learning by encouraging teachers to work together, by obtaining resources for them, and helping them to look at their teaching practice in new and improved ways," Doyle said when talking about her move to administration.

She continued her education at ECU when she became the principal of Hunters Creek Middle School and recently completed her Doctorate Degree in School Leadership.

Pitt County

Coleman Bailey, the 2005-2006 Pitt County Schools Teacher of the Year, has been selected as the Northeast Region Teacher of the Year. The school system made the announcement March

23, 2006 at a pep rally at D. H. Conley High School. This is the fourth time in five years that a teacher from Pitt County Schools has received this honor.

Bailey graduated from East Carolina University with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Science Education. He began his career in Martin County teaching seventh grade science at Williamston Middle School. Bailey later transferred to Jamesville High School before returning to Pitt County in 2002 as a chemistry and physics teacher at D. H. Conley High School.

Bailey was required to submit a portfolio, compete in an interview process with other County Teachers of the Year, and was observed in the classroom by a regional team of judges before being selected for this honor. He is one of the eight regional finalists who will now compete for the North Carolina Teacher of the Year competition. The state winner is announced at a black tie event, sponsored by the NC Automobile Dealers Association. They will present the new state Teacher of the Year with a new automobile for his/her personal use.

The North Carolina Teacher of the Year is one of the recruitment/retention initiatives managed by the Center for Recruitment and Retention at the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Please join us in congratulating Coleman Bailey as the Northeast Region Teacher of the Year.

Pitt County Schools Honored National Board Certified Teachers

Pitt County Schools held the Fifth Annual National Board Certified Teacher Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at the J. H. Rose High School Performing Arts Center.

Special remarks were made by Michael Dixon, Chair, Pitt County Board of Education, Dr. Beverly Reep, Superintendent, Pitt County Schools; and Christine Hodges, 2005 NBCT, Pitt County Schools. The guest speaker was the 2004-2005 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, Wendy Miller.

Pitt County Schools recognized 24 individuals bringing our total number of National Board Certified Teachers to 197. North Carolina ranks first nationally in certification with 9,817 NBCTs nationally there are 47,503.

Please join us in congratulating all of our NBCTs.

Wayne County

For the spring semester 2006, Wayne County welcomes Senior I Interns Jennifer Bailey at Charles B. Aycock High, Crystal Strickland at Fre-



Coleman Bailey, Pitt County Teacher of the Year and NC Northeast Regional Teacher of the Year, shares his experiences working with ECU interns at the Fourth Annual Clinical Teacher Conference. (Photo by Sam Sun)

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mont Stars, Jessica Wiltshire at Meadow Lane Elementary, Melisha Carson at Northeast Elementary, Jennifer Braswell and Claude Jones at Northwest Elementary, Brandon Proctor at Rosewood Elementary, Ina Royer and Stefanie Jassen at Spring Creek High, and Mylissa Wydick at Rosewood High. To our thirteen Senior II Interns we welcome each of you back and wish you a successful experience.

The Wayne County Schools supports our National Board Certified teachers and candidates through monthly sessions led by NBCT's. We take pride in announcing our seventeen new NBCT's. Congratulations are extended to Kristin Bailey, Jeffery Bradley, Jill Bridgers Eubanks, Joan Brock Stanford, Kellie Davis, Wendolyn Flowers, Mary Hawk, Nicole Jackson, Betty Moore, Antionette Parks, Sharon Patterson, Harold Person, Shannan Plummer, Susan Randolph, Stacy Shaver, Jessica Sutton, and Kimberly Weisinger.

As part of a national high school reform initiative Wayne County Schools will open an Early/Middle College High School in the fall of 2006. The Wayne Early/Middle College High School will be the system's seventh high school making a total of thirty-two schools in the county. This school will be located on the Wayne Community College campus and will be opened to sixty juniors and seniors who qualify. Once students are enrolled, they will attend college classes at WCC in the morning and will attend their high school classes in the afternoon. The college credits earned can be sued toward a two-year Associates Degree or toward two years of college credit at an accredited university.

On Friday, March 24, 2006 Wayne County Public Schools honored the Beginning Teacher of the Year (BTOY) at a breakfast. This third annual event recognized teacher with less than three years of experience in the classroom. Each of the thirty-one schools in the system nominated a candidate. Each candidate is a participant in the N. C. Licensure Program for beginning teachers. Congratulations are extended to Stephanie Davis, a sixth grade teacher at Eastern Wayne Middle, who was chosen to represent Wayne County as Beginning Teacher of the Year. As BTOY she will receive \$500.00, the use of a laptop computer and the opportunity to attend an all expense paid in-state conference of her choice

Marquitta Raynor, an English teacher at Goldsboro and Jenny Morgan, a kindergarten teacher at Meadow Lane Elementary were the other two finalists. They each received a \$150.00 check.

Wilson County

On Monday, Nov. 21, Dr. Larry E. Price, superintendent of Wilson County Schools, was named North Carolina Superintendent of the Year jointly by the North Carolina School Boards Association and the North Carolina Association of School Administrators during a banquet hosted by the ARAMARK Corporation at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. Then, in December, he was named as one of four finalists to compete for the title of National Superintendent of the Year in San Diego in late February.

Dr. Price attended the American Association of School Administrators National Conference on Education in San Diego on Feb. 22-26, where one of the items on the agenda was the announcement of national superintendent of the year. Manuel Rivera, superintendent of Rochester, (N.Y.) City Schools, took home the award, and Sharon Patterson from Bibb County Schools in Macon, Ga., and Benjamin Soria from Yakima, Wash., School District joined Dr. Price as runners-up.

When Dr. Price returned to Wilson from San Diego, it didn't matter that he was named as a runner-up in his bid for National Superintendent of the Year. The fact that he was one of four finalists and had placed Wilson County Schools at the center of the national stage was enough for school employees and community members, who know how hard he works.

After being named the N.C. Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Price said, "The award is validation that the vision we have for educating every child is working very effectively in our school district. I am honored that this award adds to the growing reputation of Wilson County Schools. Without the accomplishments of this school system, there would have been nothing to put on my application. I could not be more pleased to be where we are."

Since 1998 when Dr. Price was appointed superintendent, the academic performance of students in grades 3-8 has grown 30 percentage points to 92 percent at/above grade level on the first day of the

2005-06 school year. During the same period of time, the achievement gap between white and black students narrowed from 35 points to less than 15. In 2005, Wilson County Schools was 20th in the state on the federal achievement measure Adequate Yearly Progress.

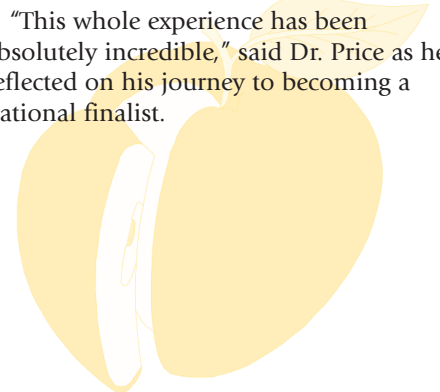
During the past seven years, Dr. Price has managed a two-stage \$75 million plan for construction and renovation that produced four new middle schools and two new elementary schools, expanded five other elementary schools, converted a middle school to a K-5 school and renovated the district's oldest high school.

In 2000, the National School Boards Association and the Ohana Foundation identified Wilson County Schools as one of the nation's four most technologically advanced districts in the area of instruction. Four years later, Dr. Price accepted the President's Technology Award from the American Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Price currently is facilitating a 50-member community task force to reform the school system's three high schools. He is one of two superintendents appointed to the Governor's Teacher Working Conditions Advisory Board to consider the upcoming third installment of the statewide Teacher Working Conditions Survey. He is also one of three superintendents appointed to the 25-member Teacher Recruitment Working Group, convened by State Board of Education Chairman Howard Lee, to review the state's licensing process for new teachers and to examine the requirements imposed by other states for licensing teachers.

Dr. Price is a member of the board of directors of the Wilson Education Partnership, the Wilson County Partnership for Children and the Wilson Chamber of Commerce. He is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Greater Wilson and chairman of the Finance Committee at First United Methodist Church of Wilson.

"This whole experience has been absolutely incredible," said Dr. Price as he reflected on his journey to becoming a national finalist.



Wachovia Partnership East Update

The first Wachovia Partnership East Cohort of 16 students graduated from East Carolina University College of Education on December 17, 2006 with degrees in Elementary Education with a Reading Concentration. To honor the first group, a ceremony and reception were held at the Craven Community College hub site prior to graduation. Dr. Martin Lancaster, President of the NC Community College System, Dr. James Smith, ECU Vice Chancellor and Provost, Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Vivian Martin Covington, Director of Teacher Education and Mr. David Parker, Wachovia Corporation's Regional President were among those who attended to celebrate the success of the partnership program and commend the graduates on a job well done.

Through the Wachovia Partnership East Consortia students have the opportunity to earn a four-year degree in Elementary or Special Education from East Carolina University College of Education without traveling to Greenville. Students attend their local community colleges to complete their foundations curriculum coursework and then complete the ECU degree coursework at one of the hub site campuses: Craven Community College, Nash Community College, or Wayne Community College. More information about Wachovia Partnership East is available online at http://www.ecu.edu/cs_educ/partner_east/.



Craven Community College President Scott Rawls, at left, joins new teachers, from left, Nicole Allen, Jennifer Blair, Wendy Higgins, Jami Hooper, Michele Broadhurst, Beverly Curlings, Sheila Lambert, Gina Broadwell, Erin Saunders, Jodie Randall, Karen Smith, Melisa Cuthrell, Beth Sekeley, Deborah Ebron, Tammy Smith, and Tammy Granstaff. Also present is ECU Vice Chancellor and Provost James L. Smith, at right.
(Photo by John Hartge)

Newsworthy News

The Latham CSN newsletter is an opportunity to share ideas and document the quality work of teachers, principals, and programs in the Latham CSN and the College of Education.

Items for publication in the Latham CSN News will be accepted from the office of the liaison for each system in the Latham Clinical Schools Network, and/or from the Office of Clinical Experiences. Anticipated publishing will be in the fall and spring.

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ECU Passes NCATE

ECU's Professional Education Programs Pass All NCATE Standards

A NCATE/SDPI (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) and (State Department of Public Instruction) accreditation team will recommend ECU's professional education programs to the NCATE board for final approval. *"Our success is due to the wonderful collaboration within the university and with our external partners."* said Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Dean of ECU's College of Education. The NCATE/SDPI accreditation team delivered their reports to ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard March 1, 2006. A draft report will be sent to ECU within the next 30 days for review before a final report is submitted to NCATE for approval.

NCATE's helps establish high quality teacher preparation programs through the process of professional accreditation. There are six NCATE standards for professional development schools. These standards were established to support improvement in schools and universities. They include: Standard 1: Candidate Knowledge, Skills and Dispositions; Standard 2: Assessment System and Unit Evaluation; Standard 3: Field Experiences and Clinical Practice; Standard 4: Diversity; Standard 5: Faculty Qualifications, Performance and Development; Standard 6: Unit Governance and Resources. ECU's professional education programs passed all 6 of these standards.

The NCATE/SDIP accreditation team cited two particular strengths in ECU's professional education programs. The first being that ECU's professional education programs have extraordinary partnerships with the public schools and community colleges; in particular, the Latham Clinical Schools Network and Wachovia Partnership East Program. They were also impressed with the integration of technology into professional education programs and the high quality of distance education programs. Dean Sheerer said she was very pleased with this report from an external review team. *"We know we're doing good work, but it's always good to have them validated by outside experts. And I love the fact that they view our partnership and distance education work as exemplary!"*



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